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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
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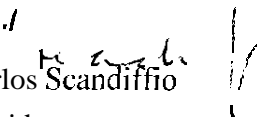
Re: Application by Verizon Maryland, Verizon Washington, DC and Verizon West Virginia for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in States of Maryland, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia. WC Docket No. 02-384


Dear Ms. Dortch

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Montgomery County strongly encourages the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to grant approval to Verizon's application to provide long-distance telephone service. The HCCMC is the largest Hispanic membership organization in Montgomery County, Maryland, and its leading business voice. HCCMC is a strong advocate of the free market. We believe the elimination government restrictions on telephone service will lead to greater competition, better service and reduced costs. As a result our membership will be a direct beneficiary.

In summary, the HCCMC respectfully requests the FCC approve Verizon's application at the earliest possible date. Our members are anxious to see more choices, more competition.

Sincerely yours:


Carlos Scandiffio
President


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